

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 20, 2009

The Honorable Henry Waxman  
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The Honorable Joe Barton  
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members

The Midwest is dependent on manufacturing and agriculture to retain a vibrant and strong economy. In tough economic times, it is important that Congress protect these dedicated, hard-working Americans in the industries and farms in which they work. With the manufacturing sector producing more revenue than any other type of job in the Midwest, small businesses creating more jobs each year than any other type of business, and the agriculture industry giving us the safest food source in the world; **we are requesting that you hold a joint hearing of the House Committee on Agriculture, the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Small Business to examine climate legislation and its effects on manufacturing, agriculture and small businesses in the Midwest.**

We hear daily from our constituents regarding cap-and-trade legislation and its effects on manufacturing, agriculture and small businesses in our districts. Cap-and-trade legislation, which will have an effect on the energy prices, jobs, businesses, and industries in the Midwest

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who rely heavily on coal and natural gas, should be examined and fully considered for negative effects before further proceeding. We need to keep American farmers to feed America, our manufacturers to keep our citizens employed by making American-made products, and our small businesses to be given incentives to create jobs and expand operations to new markets.

It is time for Congress to take a strong bipartisan look at this legislation to see what possible effects it will place on our economy, especially how hard it will affect the Midwestern states that rely heavily on agriculture and manufacturing. We look forward to working with you on this matter to make sure states in the Midwest are not unfairly penalized, and our hard-working Americans have job security in farming and manufacturing.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. We look forward to your response. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Representative Latta directly, or Cory Toth of his staff at 5-6405 or [cory.toth@mail.house.gov](mailto:cory.toth@mail.house.gov).

Sincerely,



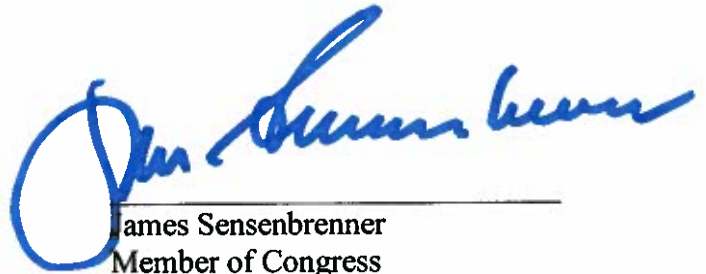
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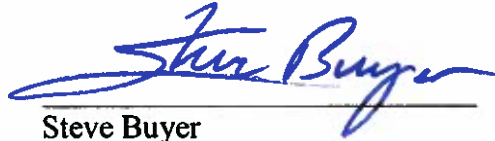


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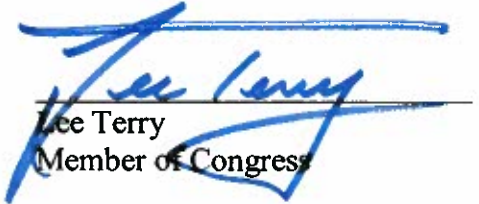
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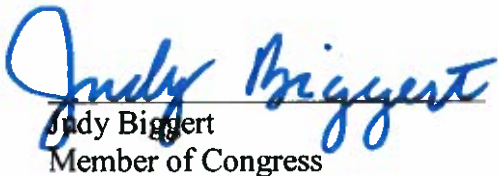
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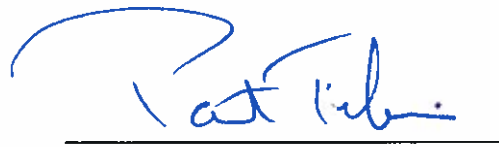
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